

March 24, 2020

McGovern College students:

I know there are numerous questions about the practical implications of this morning's order by the mayor and the county judge for university operations. In order to clarify and in a continuing effort to keep you fully informed, specifically on operations of the McGovern College of the Arts, the following is relevant information for all students:

Plans are underway to keep only essential personnel on campus. Following the guidance of city and government officials, the campus will transition to essential operations only; the university will limit on-campus functions to those that are essential to supporting basic services. All other campus offices and services will virtually as of 11:59 PM tonight, March 24, 2020.

Only essential personnel are to be on campus. I cannot guarantee building access for non-essential personnel after midnight tonight.

The following services will close: the M.D. Anderson Library, all campus computer labs (recall that we had already closed the college's Arts and Technology Center; if you are in need of computer access, consult the University of Houston Remote Learning website, at <https://uh.edu/online/students/remote-learning/>, for additional resources); the Student Center; and the University of Houston Hilton.

Student residential housing remains open and is expected to remain open until the end of the spring semester. If you can go home safely, you are being encouraged to do so until the stay-at-home order is lifted. If you had been planning to move out of campus residential housing, you are being advised that you may continue to do so until tonight, after which you must reschedule move-outs for no earlier than April 4. Refer to <https://uh.edu/housing/about/housing-covid-19-faq/> for more information.

The Student Health Center (<https://www.uh.edu/healthcenter/>) and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS; <https://www.uh.edu/caps/>) will continue to provide services through telehealth modes while the stay-at-home order is in force. Please see their websites for current information.

Continue to monitor <https://uh.edu/covid-19/> for current information about the university's response to the crisis.

Please also continue to direct questions to me and I will continue to answer them. Many of you have sent me questions this afternoon by email, and I believe that this update answers those questions. If that is not the case, please write me directly with your question again.

Please know that I appreciate what an extraordinary disruption this is, personally and professionally. We will all get through it together, and we will all support each other. Please be in touch.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Davis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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